

IN THE SENATE

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 101

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, marijuana is a schedule I drug as classified by the Controlled Substances Act and is an addictive substance which poses great risks to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, marijuana use and addiction are the number one reason that children are admitted to substance abuse treatment facilities and it is the number two reason that adults are admitted for treatment; and

WHEREAS, that legalizing this substance is a threat to all states and citizens, not just to the few states that have opted to violate federal law; and

WHEREAS, virtually all Idahoans have experienced the negative impacts of marijuana use and abuse on our roads, workplaces, classrooms, emergency rooms and many other areas of our lives; and

WHEREAS, by not taking action against efforts to legalize marijuana, we are creating one more costly social problem in Idaho and America during a time when our state and nation cannot afford such consequences; and

WHEREAS, the possession, sale and distribution of marijuana are against federal law; and

WHEREAS, it is also a violation of federal law for employees of a state to be tasked with the establishment, administration and regulation of marijuana businesses and enterprises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature calls upon the President of the United States, the Director of the United States Department of Justice and Congress to take appropriate action to ensure that federal drug-free policy is upheld in all states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the Director of the United States Department of Justice, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.